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MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY
TO REENTERING THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that 40-year-old Dennis Martinez-Flores pleaded guilty today to the crime of reentering the United States after being deported. Martinez-Flores is a Mexican citizen and is a citizen of Honduras. He was deported in 1996 to Honduras and in 1997 to Mexico, where his wife resides.

Martinez-Flores was found in New London, New Hampshire on March 10, 2004, by an agent of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Martinez-Flores was indicted by a federal grand jury on March 24, 2004, for illegally reentering the United States after being deported.

In commenting on these cases, United States Attorney Tom Colantuono said, "Effective enforcement of the nation's criminal immigration laws is central to the missions of the Department of Homeland Security and the United States Attorney's Office. These cases and many others like them reflect our commitment to the vigilant enforcement of those laws."

After accepting Martinez-Flores guilty plea today, Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro scheduled a sentencing hearing on November 29, 2004. Martinez-Flores faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

These cases were investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, and are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.